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Historic Double

The Carrington and Cup

Tattersall's Club Big New Year Prize Dates Back Further than the Epsom or the Doncaster

Tattersall's Club enjoys the distinction of providing the Turf with four races of outstanding importance each year, the Carrington Stakes, Tattersall's Club Cup, the Chelmsford Stakes, and the James Barnes Stakes.

The James Barnes Stakes was newly established this year, taking the place of what was formerly known as the Winter Stakes. But the Chelmsford Stakes dates back to the beginning of the century, and of even more ancient origin are the other two.

Tattersall's Club Cup goes back even further than the Epsom Handicap or the Doncaster, for it was first run in 1868. And ever since the Carrington Stakes became the second big feature of the Club's annual meeting at Randwick in 1886, the Carrington and Cup double has been a notable combination for followers of racing in New South Wales.

Now recognised as one of the leading sprint events of Australia and Sydney's most talked-of contest for the six furlong horses, it will surprise many members to learn that the Carrington Stakes began really as a staying race, and in 1886 and 1887 was run over a mile and three furlongs.

The following year the Club Committee saw the desirability of setting up a race that could be coupled as the first leg of the double ending with the Cup, and the distance was reduced to a mile.

But for only one year was the Carrington Stakes decided over that distance, and in 1889 it became the six furlong contest it remained forever afterwards. As such it has attracted the best sprinters in the State, and some notable performers have competed and won. Two who won it went on to triumph in the Newmarket, Pendant in 1906 and Greenline in 1930; Baralang after his 1916 victory won a Futurity Stakes, and Valicare, who for a season was unbeaten and won a Doncaster, had the third race of her career when she won the 1925 Carrington. Valiard, who was beaten into third place in Valicare's year, was a Newmarket winner also.

A Tattersall's Sweep has in the past added to the attraction of winning the Carrington, although the stake itself has always been sufficient to make the race one of the most important in the calendar for sprinters.

Owners have occasionally profited handsomely from a share of the sweep, but there is a notable instance of a substantial offer having been turned down by a member of the Club—generously.

When Mr. Mick Polson had Ready Aye Ready prepared for the contest of 1919 he was one day called to the door of the old Pitt Street Club by a young fellow who announced that he had drawn his horse in the sweep on the Carrington, and offered a sum of £1,500 out of the result if the horse should win.

Mr. Polson questioned the drawer, and elicited the fact that there were six in the syndicate which had drawn Ready Aye Ready and four of them were Diggers. The spokesman who proffered the £1,500 was himself newly returned from the front, and on learning

that all were poor men, Mr. Polson announced that he didn't want the £1,500 as an inducement to run or win. "Keep it for yourself and the boys," he announced; "it will do you more good than me."

"And," he added, as the young fellow profusely thanked him for his generosity and was about to depart, "you can tell the other Diggers in the syndicate that Ready Aye Ready's a certainty, and can't lose the race. So don't let any of them lay off: In fact, if you've got anything, have it on him."

Ready Aye Ready proved as good as his master's word, and won practically from start to finish.

The whole six of the lucky syndicate came to thank Mr. Polson after the race.

Grecian Orator's victory in 1926 was one of the most sensational in the history of the race.

He, too, was drawn by a syndicate in Tattersall's who witnessed the race from the grandstand, and when its members saw J. Simpson attempt to drive him past the favourite, Persuasion, with his saddle and gear gradually slipping from the horse's back their feelings can be well imagined.

How the jockey kept on was a mystery, but he not only stuck to his seat, but managed to head Persuasion and win the race.

Tremendous excitement prevailed when, on dismounting, the gear was just saved from dropping to the ground by the jockey's dexterity. He was given a great ovation, and the demonstration revealed the generosity of the racing crowd, for his mount, a 14 to 1 outsider, had beaten a 7 to 4 favourite in Persuasion.

There is no more emphatic testimony to the quality of this year's Carrington Stakes than the 10.11 Greenline has at the head of the weights. Rarely, if ever, has such a burden been allotted any horse in a first-class handicap starting with a 6.7 minimum.

But Greenline deserves it. He was narrowly beaten into third place by Gay Ballerina and Raisin in the Carrington Stakes last year with 10.6 and won the Newmarket Handicap with 10.2.

A month later he was successful in a division of the Railway Handicap at Rosehill with 10.11 on his back.

No wonder the handicapper, Mr. G. F. Wilson, realised that Greenline was a horse to be thoroughly respected.

Tattersall's Club Cup became established in 1868 to celebrate the presence in the "Colony" as they called it then, of the Duke of Edinburgh, and he made the occasion auspicious by driving his own coach and team of greys to the course and down the straight to the official enclosure.

What a pity we can't bring back some of these interesting and picturesque traditional interludes.

In its first year Tattersall's Club Cup was two miles, and that remained as its distance for 42 years. Our racing forebears believed in making the thoroughbred travel far to earn his prize. Nowadays there are but



three races on the flat run over the distance (or beyond) in the whole of the State's racing calendar.

In 1910 the distance was altered to a mile and a half. Notable horses have participated in the decision of past Cups. Sir William, the 1890 winner, landed the Doncaster of the same year. The 1896 winner, Quiver, was a mare made famous by dead-heating in a three mile race with Wallace in the Champion Stakes over that distance at Flemington. After Long Tom won in 1904 he went to England and was successful there, and other famous winners of Tatt.'s Cup were Poitrel, who subsequently won a Melbourne Cup, The Fortune Hunter, who was successful in 1916, and won the Sydney Cup of the same year, Wedding Day, who won a Doncaster and numerous other races, and Julia Grey, who was also a Doncaster winner. Bitalli, a subsequent Melbourne Cup winner, was third in 1922.

Another good horse who won the Cup was Panacre. He was the Epsom winner of 1916, but was regarded

as a non-stayer, and consequently was neglected at 25 to 1 in the 1920 Tattersall's Cup. But W. H. McLachlan took him to the front, slowed down the field, and Panacre led all the way.

Wm. Booth reaped a rich harvest in 1921 with Fluency. She won the Villiers Stakes, Tattersall's Cup, and a month later the Anniversary. Tibbie is the only dual winner in the history of the Cup. She scored in 1927 with 7.5, and again in 1928 with 8.0, and notwithstanding the increase in weight, equalled Randwick's mile and a half record of the day, 2.30½.

Both were popular victories. Tibbie's Newcastle owners, Messrs. J. G. Cameron and John Grisdale, left nobody out of the "secret" that their mare was "a good thing."

The Cup field this year is up to best standard, and the good horses preparing for it at Randwick and elsewhere offer promise of an interesting contest.

The Soloists

(By F. E. B.)

Alf. Grounds throws down his cards and fixes Asher Thompson with a look.

"Well, I'll be fusticated!" he says. "A Kosher solo and you've got to beat me, Asher."

Asher says nothing. He puffs away at the old pipe. Harry Pittar smiles that everlasting smile and rakes in the chips. Jack Sears grins and says nothing.

And then they deal again. They are the star solo school of Tattersall's Club to-day. Although John Roche still plays, quietly and slowly, and McLeod looks on and Dolph Marks sits in sometimes, the Big Four rule supreme. Their rules are unbreakable and their word is law.

The solo revival at the Club is doing a lot of good. Some of the scared ones—like myself—are organising littler games, but when we want amusement and also thirst after knowledge, we watch the Big Four.

"Proposal" says Asher, "with hearts the turn-up."

"Well," says Harry Pittar, "I've got nothing but I won't see you stuck."

"An abundance," says Alf. Grounds. "I'm playing crook on myself."

Jack Sears glares at his cards.

"Jack!"

"Jack!"

They all call.

"All right, I heard you," says Jack Sears, with Jack O'Dea watching him from behind.

"MISERE!"—that's how he said it.

Dead silence. Asher leads a blaus diamond. Harry Pittar doesn't play the ace. Alf. Grounds plays the jack. Jack Sears the ten, and grins into the deck.

Asher nods to himself knowingly. Of course, Sears must have the ace.

Alf. promptly leads the three of diamonds. Jack

Sears whistling "Glory Hallelujah," discards the ace of clubs. Asher discards the king and glares wildly, and Pittar, with the air of a conjurer bringing a rabbit out of Asher's ear proudly puts down the ace. Then he leads, despite wild glances—ANOTHER DIAMOND!

Mr. Hoyle says nothing in his great work about silence in a misere, BUT—

There are rumblings and deep hissings of breath. Alf. Grounds whangs down his cards. He had 11 spades to the A.K.Q.

"Of all the ———." Splutterings.

Asher waves his hands above his head, too full for words.

"But," says Pittar, feebly—"I—I—I—"

"Gentlemen," says Jack Sears, quietly. "Please, after playing solo for 40 years I understand there's to be no talk in a misere. Please play on."

That was fuel to the flames.

"All right" growled the chorus. "But did you ever—ever—"

"Of course, Asher, you never made a mistake yourself!" says Harry Pittar. "And you, Alf., what about that last prop and cop? You murdered me."

"Gentlemen!" said the quiet voice of Mr. Sears. "Play!"

"What can I play?" said Harry. "I've only got hearts and diamonds."

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A Clubman's Diary

ONE who regrets that he will be an absentee from New Year's eve festivities in the Club is Mr. L. H. Steger. Ere that time he will have left on a tour abroad; but he will pledge the health of members wherever he happens to be when 1931 is being rung in.

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THE OUTSIDER WINS!

MR. "BILLY" LONGWORTH is back from his trip looking, not as fit, but almost as fit, as that day when he made unexpected history in the Australian swimming world. Never had there been previously, nor has there been since, such a sensational triumph of an outsider.

The race was really an interstate match between such champions as the late Cecil Healy of N.S.W., and Frank Beaurepaire of Victoria. It was a middle-distance event, and the tip was: Beaurepaire 1, Healy 2, since Cecil was essentially a sprinter.



Mr. A. N. H. Levy, joined Club on February 7th, 1887; elected hon. life member, December 1st, 1930.

Regarded as Pacemaker.

NOBODY dreamt of the possibility of Longworth's challenging the pair, let alone showing them the way home. So, when "Billy" stretched out for a lead from the word "go," the crowd regarded him as a pacemaker who would in due time come back to his field Healy and the Victorian, watching one another, seemed also to forget Longworth, who, as the laps were ticked off, still held his lead, swimming strongly.

Clapping Pace On.

WITH one lap to go, Healy broke into his famous crawl, and Beaurepaire called on his last ounce of reserve; but neither got within striking distance of "the dark horse," although Cecil Healy—later killed in

the Great War—won a match which Billy Longworth's performance had so sensationally overshadowed.

We know how from that day he went on to win championship after championship.

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Billiards and the Turf.

MR. LONGWORTH has ranked for many years among the best amateur billiardists in Australia. He has a natural talent with the cue, just as he was a natural swimmer.

He has not had the same measure of success as "Mr. Biey," patron of the turf; but there is plenty of time yet for his colours to be carried to victory in a classic. His sportsmanship deserves nothing less.

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Legal Member's Yarn.

WHEN the name of Judge Curlew, as a stickler for pure English, came into a discussion among members, the other day, one of the party—a legal member of the Club—told a story with a subtle distinction in terms. Amplifying his argument, a King's Counsel addressed the judge: "Supposing I saw your Honour going into a hotel." Here the judge interposed: "You mean, suppose you saw me coming into a hotel."

In any other place, the drinks would have been on the K.C., so neatly had his Honour got back for the suggestion that the K.C., outside the hotel, had seen the judge entering—probably for a Jimmy Woodser—whereas, as the judge implied, the K.C. was inside—also having a Jimmy Woodser—when his Honour entered.

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Good Man Gone.

MR. FRANK MILLER, who died recently, had been a member of this Club since 1922, and one whom everybody was pleased to greet, for he brought into his associations with men that genial expansiveness of the outback, where his interests lay, and where he spent the major portion of his life. Mr. Miller's pastoral interests were in the Moree district, but he was known throughout the State, and wherever he went he made friends.

Like most pastoral men, Mr. Miller was a patron of the turf. His best nominations were probably Beau Bee and Lady Clara.

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Festive Season Reminders.

WHEREVER one may roam there are always homely thoughts associated with Christmas dinner. This particular repast is one for the company of family and friends, and the Club is specially providing in that respect with an enticing menu—printed elsewhere in this issue—plus the companionship of our near associates. The price is 7/6 a cover, and you are advised to make early reservations.

No rendezvous will be more lively on New Year's Eve than this Club. Apart from the good things to eat, and the joy of the dance, a special programme of entertainment has been arranged, with our old friend Ted Henkel figuring prominently. Here again the advice is to book early.



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Wonders of a World Tour

Mr. John A. Henderson tells of travels extending over 19 Months

(By the Club Man.)

WHEN Mr. John A. Henderson called at Vienna during a stage in his world-tour of 19 months, he looked in at the "rathouse."

"Did you come across any polite lunatics to compare with George Lauri, W. S. Percy or Cecil Kellaway," I asked innocently.

Before Mr. Henderson had recovered his composure, I woke up to the fact that his reference was to the Rathaus; pronounced "rathouse," but actually the cultural pronunciation of Town Hall. The subject of my special interview remembered, of course, that Lauri, Percy and

young man has made a notable contribution to literature since leaving Australia.

Mr. Henderson's visit to Vienna synchronised happily with the opening of a Festival, and he heard in the Rathaus an orchestra of 150 instrumentalists dispensing music worthy of a land that had produced Strauss.

Where once stood armed guards barring public entrance to the ex-Kaiser's palace in Berlin, peaceful guides now await tourists, and the feet of mere mortals tread among corridors once verboten. The stranger in the presence of emblems of a majesty departed, marvels at the tricks of time; stands amazed at the vicissitudes of life. Any Sydneysider with the means to get there, may now stroll about, unchallenged, where once, to cast a curious look, was lese majeste.

Mr. Henderson enjoyed in Luna Park, Berlin, a form of pleasure that may soon find its way to Sydney. You take the wheel of a motor car and drive at thrilling speed round and round a wooden track. Really an attendant in the back seat controls the car, but, in the exhilaration of the experience, you are pleasantly deluded into the belief that the command lies with you. So the greatest of mug-drivers may masquerade as speedsters!

Speed boats are also available on lakes; but these a person must be capable of controlling personally.

One of Mr. Henderson's most impressive experiences was provided by a visit to the Flughafen (aerodrome). Making the trip by an underground railway—at the cost of twopence—one is brought into the stirring sight of aeroplanes departing for, and arriving from, all parts of the world. Here one realises the remarkable progress of aviation, and accepts it as part of normal enterprise of the universe. Planes rise and speed away in the ordinary fashion of trains departing from the Central Station in Sydney.

For example, the inevitable person to arrive late, chased the departing aeroplane. Dragging along his baggage, the fellow—strangely enough, it was not a woman on this occasion—shouted at the pilot, while the despatching official gave signals. The plane was pulled up, and the late comer jumped aboard.

At Wiesbaden, Mr. Henderson saw British soldiers of the Army of Occupation strolling about the streets as casually as if they were in Piccadilly or Leicester Square. They were well behaved, tactful and popular with the Germans because, as conquerors, they were devoid of swank.

Some of the Britons had married German women, and it was rather unique to see them, supremely happy, in the company of their wives and children. One recalled the philosopher's words: "Omnia vincit amor"—"Love conquers all things," literally translated.

In Paris, Mr. Henderson found—as have many other tourists—that a stranger to the traffic regulations and the ways of drivers, is safer in a taxi cab than out of one, despite the reputation for daring of the Parisian taxi man.

A pleasant surprise came the way of Mr. Henderson



Lake of Lugano.

Kellaway had at various times in presentations of "The Belle of New York" played in the ludicrous role of The Polite Lunatic.

Having thus switched me back to sanity (more or less), Mr. Henderson proceeded to tell of his pleasant meeting with Grace Palotta, remembered by Sydney theatregoers for her triumph in "Florodora," among other musical comedies, before the masquerade of revues and the cachinnations of jazz.

Time has touched Grace Palotta tenderly, Mr. Henderson said. She is still a beautiful creature with a wondrous personality and appealing vivacity.

As Nature has endowed us so richly with seaside resorts, Mr. Henderson found a unique sight in children playing with spades and buckets on sand in the parks. The sand had been carted all the way from Trieste; and, although the atmosphere of, say, Coogee, was missing, the illusion to the child-mind was satisfying. The years had not yet destroyed the imaginations of those little boys and girls, and a grown-up became happy at the spectacle of their innocent revels.

At Vienna, Mr. Henderson visited the British Legation, and there met Sir Eric Phipps, who invited him to attend there the celebration of the birthday of King George V. It was on that occasion that Mr. Henderson met Grace Palotta and Somerset de Chair, the younger son of Sir Dudley and Lady de Chair. This bright



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while he was attending a performance in the Opera House there. Hearing a familiar voice, he looked round and was greeted by Mr. Douglas Grant, formerly the owner of Spearfelt.

Mr. Henderson provided the Parisians with a little free amusement on leaving the Opera House. All, or nearly all, the taxi-cabs having been engaged by the time he looked about, Mr. Henderson hailed an old Victoria, possibly the only one in Paris, and a relic of the Monarchy. As he drove off the crowd raised a cheer, and the Australian, not to be outdone, raised his hat in acknowledgment.

Another surprise awaited Mr. Henderson in England. Leaving the Abbey, after having attended the service of thanksgiving for the King's recovery, he was greeted by Mr. Bavin, then Premier of N.S.W.

Just to show that the might of Great Britain stood, despite sacrifices of war, Mr. Henderson mentioned two dissimilar examples of enterprise. At the yards of Harland & Wolff, in Belfast, he walked on the keel plate of what was to have been the largest ship in the world—1,000 ft. long and an 80,000 tonner! Next he visited Guinness' brewery in Dublin; which, in 1927, had provided the national exchequer with 14 millions sterling in taxation and license fees.

A poignant memory is that he saw the ill-fated R101 flying over London—a dazzling spectacle as the sun's rays glorified the sweetly-fashioned airship. She gave an impression of confidence and security, and soared majestically, a challenge to the skies.

One of the "biggest things" seen abroad by Mr. Henderson was Primo Carnera, standing 6ft. 10ins. and weighing 20 stone. He knocked out Jack Stanley—a boxer of reputation, in half a round, then engaged another heavyweight and floored him for the final count in the same period.

Mr. Henderson visited the famous Lloyds, in Leadenhall Street, where operate 600 underwriters, each with a guarantee of £20,000. Each underwriter has a syndicate of from 30 to 75, guaranteed each for £20,000 and his assets. Taking the average syndicate as 50, the capital represented would be £600,000,000!

Being an old rowing man, Mr. Henderson appreciated greatly his reception as an honorary member of the Thames Rowing Club. There he met Phipps, who had then beaten Barry for the world's championship, and had received another challenge. Phipps won again. Members of Thames Club were of opinion that Bobbie Pearce was the fastest rower, amateur or professional, who ever sat in a boat.

Mr. Henderson, by the way, was a member of Albert Park crew, in his rowing days, and coached crews of the Veterinary Science School on the several occasions that they won in recent years.

Here is a special note for Justices of the Peace: When Mr. Henderson went to have his passport visaed for America, an official in the office noticed the letters "J.P." after Mr. Henderson's name, and said: "We don't charge justices of the peace." It was the first occasion of which the tourist had got something for nothing on the score of his being a J.P.

They also go in for tick-tacking in Spain, but for reasons other than those on Sydney racecourses. Mr.

Henderson noticed that when he stepped out of his hotel, a musician some distance along the path—and in a position which made it impossible for him to see a guest leaving—always commenced to play. Eventually, Mr. Henderson discovered that the information was tick-tacked by an accomplice perched in a tree.

The tourist made a special note of Cordova, in Spain, for there he saw more donkeys and goats in half-an-hour than at Randwick on Sydney Cup day.

Spain conducts gigantic sweeps at Easter and Christmas, and the newspapers containing the results sell like Sydney journals on, say, Melbourne Cup day.

While on the question of gambling, Mr. Henderson tried his luck at Monte Carlo. He won £8 one day, and lost it that evening. Still, the sensation of getting out square on the flutter was an enjoyable experience.

One of the unique spectacles of the whole tour—something all tourists are eager to see—was a Moorish wedding. This event happened at Tangiers, and Mr. Henderson says that he will long remember the humour of it all, in the eyes of a stranger. The bride was borne in a box-shaped arrangement on the back of a donkey. Behind her rode her lord and master, bearded and fierce of mien; puffed up with importance. Ahead and behind strode a motley crowd of invited—and possibly uninvited—guests, while crushing also into the procession were bronzed demons blowing the weirdest instruments outside a jazz band.

Mr. Henderson was informed that the present bride was the sixth that the bearded Moor had lured to his tent.

While Mr. Henderson was in Spain—and he says that no tour is complete without a visit to that land—he saw the Horse Guards being changed before the Royal Palace. The leading horse stepped with his front legs in time to the music of the band. Probably were that intelligent equine in Sydney, some sordid being would want to buy it for a circus.

Once, while in Italy, Mr. Henderson was driving with companions towards a town. Three times the car was stopped and passports demanded. The tourists had left theirs at the hotel, as they had not counted on passports being necessary within the country. The Italian driver explained that the Il Duce (Mussolini) was performing a ceremony at the town which the tourists desired to visit, and the call for passports was part of an elaborate scheme of precaution against any attempt on the Dictator's life.

Mr. Henderson visited the famous Lloyd's, in Leaden-Jack Williams, now settled in the Old Country, and they sent a cheerio to Sydney friends.

There was some talk of Australian notes in England "not being worth 12 bob." Mr. Henderson found that the correct figure was 18/7.

Coming home by way of the Panama Canal, the steamer was stopped off Pitcairn Island and the natives approached in their whaleboats. They sang hymns in return for gifts in cash and kind. Three hymns were an acknowledgment of good business.

Like many other members of Tattersall's Club who have seen the wonders of the world, Mr. Henderson was glad once again to steam through the Heads to the friendships of home sweet home.



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(SECOND DAY)

AT

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TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP

(One Mile and a Half)



HONOUR ROLL

Of members who have proposed or seconded one or more new members since 1st March, 1930.

An asterisk is placed opposite the name of a member to denote each additional new member proposed or seconded by him.

Alderson, R. H.*	Coyle, C. P.*	Hunter, K.	Nailon, G. P.
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Audette, V. B.	Dimond, R. V.	Johnson, H. F.	Packer, F. L.
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Baume, F. E.	Dowling, J. B.*	Cawrence, S.	Richards, B. H.
Bartley, H. C.*	Dunwoodie, G. V.	Lashmar, A.	Richards, F. V.
Bevan, G. F.**	Eldridge, P. H.	Laycock, R. W.	Richards, T. A.
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Bingle, A. S.	Emanuel, S.	LePage, F. H.	Rogers, A.
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Black, J. Y.*	Falvey, E. J.	Levy, P. B.*	Row, F. L.*
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Cawsey, W. H.	Hart, H. A.	McLean, A.	Watson, T.
Chatterton, S. E.	Hartland, J.*	Miller, F.	Watson, G. J.*
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Coward, R. W.	Holden, T. P., M.L.C.	Moss, E.***	Williams, H.
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

L. S. Marks, Dr. F. M. O'Donohue, J. W. Robinson, C. S. Stuart.



Swimming

December, the Month of Festivity

Maybe we won't have another chance, so here goes to wish the frequenters of the Athletic Department the happiest of seasons and may the swimmers remember that they have a race on soon after the Xmas turkey has been devoured.

It has been a custom for many years in swimming clubs to celebrate the Xmas season with a race or races for which the trophies depart somewhat from the everyday run of plated-ware, etc.

Many of them used to put a duck into the water and call it a "duck hunt," but in later and more humanitarian days, whilst the duck was still a prize, it did not figure as the leading figure in the scramble.

Nowadays the events are held with bottles of festive cheer, cakes, cigarettes and all that kind of stuff as the inducement to pace.

Of course the Swimming Association's rules prohibit any prizes which cannot be inscribed with the winner's name and performances, but it's a safe bet that you can't inscribe a bottle or its contents, and anyway, the latter is surely not of a permanent character. Who wants it to be, anyway?

Tattersall's Swimming Club is one of the clubs to follow on the time honoured feature of a Christmas Scramble, this year it will be on Wednesday, December 24, at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

That word 'sharp' seems to stick in the gills of some of the members but unless the races are started on time the swimmers can't finish them in their lunch hours and that's no reflection on their pace.

Anyway "sharp's the word and quick's the action" on Xmas Eve and those not under the shower by 1.15 will be amongst the "also-rans."

Let it be whispered—the first prize is a bottle of 'bubbly,' donated by an enthusiast who doesn't wish his name to be broadcast, possibly for fear that the boys will get wise to his stock of sparkling happiness.

There'll be many other prizes, too, in keeping with the lists of previous season and the event will be over 40 yards for the swimming club members.

Then, too, there will be a race for the veterans over 20 yards, though how the handicapper is going to line up the starts in that event is already causing him sleepless nights.

The first Point Score of the season was finished with the three lap dash of November 20 and as a result, Mr. W. W. Hill's trophy goes to a new member, Mr. Jack Smithers.

No one could have wished for a more exciting finish to a contest for, with that race to go, Messrs. V. Armstrong, H. Robertson, S. Carroll and K. Hunter were level on top with Mr. J. Smithers only half a point astern and Messrs. J. D. Wilkinson and A. Richards two points behind the leaders. With the exception of Mr. Richards, who had succumbed to the attractions supplied by the Golf Club at its Manly outing, and Mr. Wilkinson, all the top-liners saddled up for the decider.

Messrs. Robertson and Armstrong lost the numbers of their mess in the heats and the starters in the final and

their marks were: S. Carroll, 40; J. Smithers, 37; K. Hunter, 35 and F. Carberry, 34.

What a go it was up that last lap!

Ten yards from home, Carroll, Smithers and Hunter were almost in line and the judges were worried men.

The leaders kept together as if tied with a rope. It looked like Hunter, but with a mighty sweep at the board Smithers got the verdict by a clipped finger



Christmas Scramble

CHRISTMAS EVE
24th DECEMBER

40 YARDS.

Trophies for Heat Winners and
Winner of Final.

nail from Carroll with Hunter the same distance away third.

Frank Carberry was only about a yard behind.

It was a grand finish to a wonderfully exciting series.

Final points in the W. W. Hill Point Score were:— J. Smithers 10½, S. Carroll 10, K. Hunter 9, V. Armstrong 8, H. Robertson 8, J. D. Wilkinson 5, A. Richards 5, J. W. Searcy 4, F. Carberry 4, K. Bennett 3½, F. Packer 2, C. H. Woodfield 1, K. Wheeler 1, C. P. Millar 1.

Best winning times performed during the series were: 40 yards, K. Hunter, 21 3/5; J. Smithers, 22. 60 yards, H. Robertson, 31 2/5; K. Hunter, 34.

The Point Score for a trophy presented by Mr. C. P. Millar commenced on November 27 with a 40 yards dash and a good field was attracted.

As Hans Robertson hadn't got nearer than last in any heat during the season over 40 yards the handicapper thought it was time he was handed a chance so up went Hans a second.



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The Manly champion showed it isn't much good taking any risk with him by landing the bacon in slashing style in 19 1/5 secs., only the fraction outside his Pool record.

The final was a great go, with Messrs. Armstrong and Carroll only a yard astern, a tie for second.

Best of the heats was the third, in which Messrs. Searcy, Carroll, Dexter and Hunter flashed to the post in a bunch, the verdict going to consistent Stan. Carroll from Hunter and Dexter, though it is rumoured that one of the judges nearly fell in with excitement and couldn't pick them at all.

Mr. Billy Hill presided with the starting words in this event in place of Mr. Dexter who started in a club race for the first time and showed a lack of race form though another gallop or two may put him near the money.

The next events in the C. P. Millar Point Score will work up to 100 yards as follow:—December 4, 60 yards; December 11, 80 yards; December 18, 100 yards.

For those members who don't fancy themselves in two races over the longer distances on the same day, the finals of the 80 and 100 yards events will be staged a few days later.

Early in January the Australian swimming championships will be swum in Sydney and the opportunity will be taken to let Tattersall's Club members see how the interstate men go in a trial in the Club Pool.

A suggestion has also been thrown out that a night carnival should be held in the Pool in January or February and this should be a great boon.

The proposal is to make it an inter-club challenge and one of Sydney's swimming clubs will be asked to send along a team to contest various teams events with Tattersall's Club.

With swimmers like Hans Robertson, Frank Carberry, Norman Longworth, 'Pete' Hunter, Jack Smithers, Alec Richards and Stan. Carroll available for our Club it should give a good account of itself and will take all the beating in the world.

This kind of contest is the life and soul of the swimming game in America and provides the club members with plenty of excitement and excuse for barracking.

Further strength will be added to the club team when Mr. Charles Stuart commences swimming, he having lately become a member of Tatts.

Mr. Stuart is a sterling athlete, representing Australia at the last Olympic Games as a track man, whilst a few years before that he was distinctly in the running for a place as a swimmer.

He is recovering from an accident and when fit and well he will supply Hans Robertson with plenty of fun over all distances.

Another man who is getting into form is Mr. Norman Longworth, whose first trial at Rose Bay returned a minute breaking effort over 100 yards.

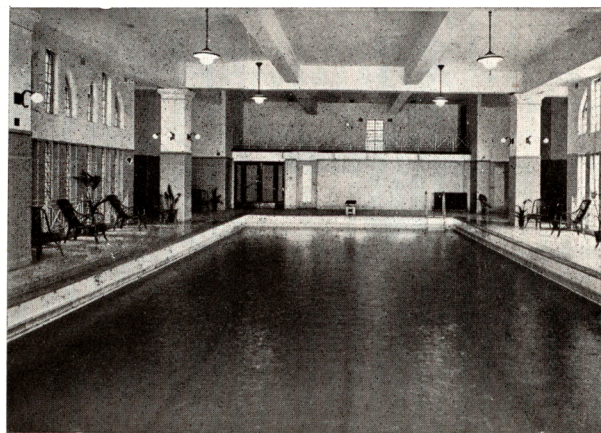
It looks as if the club championship may now be staged for it will be no one-horse race with Messrs. Longworth, Carberry, Stuart and Hunter to challenge the pre-eminence of Hans Robertson.

It is pleasing to see Frank Carberry competing regularly as he has been one of the State's best Backstroke and Free style men for seasons past.

Mr. C. H. Woodfield has swum a couple of times but he must have put on the speed in his time trial for he hasn't acted up to it since and hasn't landed a place in a race. Next time, though, he'll be there.

Mr. K. Bennett's record of a dead heat for first out of two starts takes beating.

There was much speculation over the outcome of a race over 40 yards between Hans Robertson and Frank Carberry when the latter was conceded a couple of seconds. General opinion was that the weights adjuster



The Swimming Pool.

has been rather severe on Robertson but he was triumphant when the champion just got there in 19 secs.

The Dewar Cup Point Score is close so far, including all points won during the season to November 27 as follows:—S. Carroll 12½, H. Robertson 12, J. Smithers 11½, V. Armstrong 10½, K. Hunter 10, A. Richards 6, J. D. Wilkinson 5, J. W. Searcy 5, F. Carberry 5, K. Bennett 4½, C. H. Woodfield 2, F. Packer 2, K. Wheeler 1, J. Dexter 1, C. P. Millar 1.

Results of events swum since the last issue of the magazine:—

60 yards, November 6: 1st Heat, K. Hunter (35), 1; K. Wheeler (37), 2; S. Carroll (39), 3. Time, 34 secs. 2nd Heat: A. Richards (37), 1; H. Robertson (32), 2; J. W. Searcy (54), 3. Time, 35 4/5 secs. FINAL: H. Robertson, 1; A. Richards, 2; K. Hunter, 3. Time, 31 2/5 secs.

40 yards, November 13: 1st Heat, J. D. Wilkinson (32), 1; S. Carroll (24), 2; J. Smithers (22), 3. Time, 31 2/5 secs. 2nd Heat, V. Armstrong (31), 1; J. W. Searcy (33), 2; A. Richards (22), 3. Time, 29 secs. FINAL, V. Armstrong, 1; J. D. Wilkinson, 2; J. W. Searcy, 3. Time, 28 2/5 secs.

60 yards, November 20: 1st Heat, K. Hunter (35), 1; F. Carberry (34), 2; V. Armstrong (45), 3. Time, 35 secs. 2nd Heat, J. Smithers (37), 1; S. Carroll (40), 2; H. Robertson (31), 3. Time, 36 secs. FINAL, J. Smithers, 1; S. Carroll, 2; K. Hunter, 3. Time, 36 secs.

40 yards, November 27: 1st Heat, H. Robertson (20), 1; F. Carberry (22), 2; K. Bennett (30), 3. Time, 19 secs. 2nd Heat, V. Armstrong (29), 1; A. Richards (22), 2; J. Smithers (22), 3. Time, 28 secs. 3rd Heat, S. Carroll (24), 1; K. Hunter (22), 2; J. Dexter (23), 3. Time, 23 1/5 secs. FINAL, H. Robertson, 1; S. Carroll and V. Armstrong, tie, 3. Time, 19 1/5 secs.



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Tattersall's Golf Club

A. C. Ingham Cup

The second competition for the A. C. Ingham Cup took place at the Manly Golf Course on Thursday, 20th November, 1930. This event had been greatly looked forward to for some time, and it was not surprising when a field of seventy-one faced the starter. The weather conditions were ideal, and although the greens were somewhat tricky, the scores gave an indication of the fact that at least a fair proportion of the players could find the "pot."

One of the first cards returned was a net 74—this was put in by Mr. J. McLeod. Not very long afterwards M. V. B. Audette also came in with a 74, and almost to the last minute it looked as if these two would have to

Prior to the conclusion of the presentation of trophies our President thanked the Manly Golf Club through their very popular secretary, Mr. J. B. Ferrier, for the use of the course. After the toast of the Club had been enthusiastically drunk, Mr. Ferrier responded, and indicated that members of Tattersall's Golf Club would always be welcome there.

The detailed result was as follows:—F. T. Eastment, 91 (21), 70; V. B. Audette, 94 (20), 74; J. McLeod, 90 (16), 74; B. Riley, 79 (4), 75; W. A. McDonald, 83 (8), 75; G. Capel, 82 (7), 75; E. L. Betts, 82 (6), 76; R. Barwell, 92 (16), 76; K. F. Williams, 98 (21), 77; N. Stirling, 93 (16), 77; J. T. Hackett, 93 (15), 78; E. W. Forsyth, 98 (20), 78; J. B. Dowling, 83 (5), 78; H. T. Matthews, 99 (20), 79; E. Vandenberg, 99 (20), 79; S. Baker, 94 (15), 79; R. H. Brown, 99 (20), 79; F. H. Brown, 95 (16), 79; G. L. Murray, 100 (21), 79; E. J. Thorn, 87 (8), 79; W. S. Kay, 88 (8), 80; W. C. Goodwin, 94 (14), 80; S. E. Chatterton, 96 (16), 80; H. C. Parish, 101 (21), 80; H. L. McDonald, 95 (14), 81; G. L. Gee, 97 (16), 81; A. V. Miller, 89 (8), 81; R. W. Plasto, 88 (7), 81; T. M. Fitzsimmons, 90 (9), 81; W. Dittfort, 99 (18), 81; J. A. Kenyon, 101 (20), 81; H. H. McIntosh, 91 (10), 81; E. K. White, 83 (1), 82; T. A. Richards, 103 (21), 82; C. M. Glynn, 85 (3), 82; A. C. Berk, 102 (20), 82; R. Cobden, 98 (16), 82; L. H. Steger, 91 (9), 82; W. E. Bain, 90 (7), 83; R. H. Alderson, 101 (18), 83; G. N. King, 101 (18), 83; T. A. Daly, 92 (9), 83; H. R. McLeod, 90 (7), 83; W. E. Forsyth, 103 (19), 84; R. Genge, 105 (21), 84; F. White, 99 (14), 85; A. A. Callan, 106 (21), 85; Y. E. Pittar, 107 (21), 86; F. V. Richards, 95 (9), 86; F. Comins, 103 (16), 87; B. Thompson, 96 (9), 87; P. J. G. McGrath, 101 (14), 87; B. Levy, 108 (21), 87; C. W. McLeod, 91 (3), 88; A. C. Ingham, 109 (21), 88; D. B. Loudon, 97 (8), 89; R. S. Harden, 110 (20), 90; J. W. McPherson, 111 (21), 90; A. R. Edwards, 112 (21), 91; M. Polson, 106 (14), 92; A. Staveley, 113 (21), 92; P. J. Schwarz, 114 (21), 93.



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stage a play-off. Amongst the last competitors, however, came Mr. F. T. Eastment with the rather staggering net score of 70, and as this was not subsequently beaten he became the proud winner of the cup.

Mr. G. Capel took the prize for the best score in the "A" grade, donated by Mr. N. Stirling, with 75, and after Messrs. Audette and McLeod had decided in the usual manner who was to be the winner of the "B" grade, the latter gentleman prevailed and was awarded the trophy donated by Mr. F. V. Richards. A very nice trophy had also been donated by Mr. J. McLeod for the player who returned the best scratch score, and this was won by that very well-known Pymble player, Dr. B. Riley.

December Outing—Ladies' Day

Members of the Golf Club will be interested to hear that special arrangements have been made for an outing for their wives and lady friends. On Wednesday, December 10th next, the date fixed for our game at the Elanora Country Club, two events have been set down to take place, namely, a Canadian mixed foursome and, just in case there are any members who do not wish to participate in this event, there will also be a four ball best ball for men only.

As the Elanora course is reported to be in quite good condition, it is anticipated that members may look forward to an enjoyable day.



Our Monthly Bridge Party

A very pleasant evening was spent on November 11, though the attendance was affected by the various "Armistice Night" functions. After five rubbers had been played at each table, it was found that Mr. George Langley and Mrs. J. P. Hannan had the highest aggregate of points.

With spirited bidding and a determination to have the final declaration—no matter at what cost—it is easy for players to present their opponents with hundreds of points. This actually happened at one table, with the result that the last rubber took a rather long time to decide. It was, in fact, 11 o'clock before the names of the winners could be announced, and they then received the prizes, which proved all the more acceptable because the lady and the gentleman concerned had concluded their games about an hour previously, and were kept in a state of suspense and uncertainty as to whether their own good performance would be excelled.

A prize was also handed to Mrs. J. Dowling who had the second highest score among the ladies.

As usual, there were some interesting incidents. The player who hesitates to call unless she (or he) has four or five aces was not much in evidence, but the daring plungers who believe in "making the game lively" could not be restrained. One of these "spirited bidders" called a spade, though his highest card in that suit was the seven! He justified himself by saying his partner "was always lucky." (And she was, too!). But he was told firmly but politely that if he did it again he would meet with a nasty and mysterious fate.

Those present were:—Mrs. and Mr. G. Langley, Mr. W. Whiddon and Mr. J. Dowling, Mrs. and Mr. C. Smithers, Mrs. and Mr. Perkins, Miss Bohrsman and A. Boyle, Mrs. Milne and Dr. Kelly, Mrs. and Mr. A. A. Marks, Mrs. and Mr. G. Chiene, Mrs. and Mr. F. Plasto, Mrs. and Mr. J. O'Dea, Mrs. and Mr. H. Langley, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Rossi, Mr. A. Gillespie, Mrs. and Mr. W. Dalley, Mrs. and Mr. Hannan.

Presentation to Mr. W. Dalley.

A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation to Mr. W. Dalley of a smoker's stand, a case of pipes and a tobacco pouch. This was the gift of members who appreciate the excellent work he has done to bring about the success of these bridge parties. The presentation was made by the President of the Club, Mr. W. H. Whiddon, who paid a neat tribute to the recipient's admirable qualities. Mr. Dalley, who was obviously taken by surprise, responded briefly and suitably. He was well repaid, he said, at seeing the pleasure which the players had received from these happy gatherings.

Next Bridge Party.

The next event of this series will take place on Tuesday, December 9, and the committee extend a very cordial welcome to all bridge-playing members to attend with their lady friends. Five rubbers are played—each against a different set of opponents—and light refreshments are provided. These evenings do a great deal to encourage a spirit of harmony and good fellowship—the essence of social life.

Tattersall's Club v. Sydney Bridge Club.

Result of Bridge Competition, Tattersall's Club v. Sydney Bridge Club, at Tattersall's Club, 25/11/'30:—

A. Langley and D. Alexander (Tattersall's Club) beat R. Bell and Guiterman (Sydney Bridge Club) by 299; L. Vandenberg and E. Moss (Tattersall's Club) lost to J. Solwick and Carmina (Sydney Bridge Club) by 1,066. V. Burleigh and C. Smithers (Tattersall's Club) beat A. Marks and Harrison (Sydney Bridge Club) by 638; M. Gearin and A. Thompson (Tattersall's Club) lost to Board and Donaldson (Sydney Bridge Club) by 526; A. Gillespie and W. Dalley (Tattersall's Club) lost to Bell and Stuart (Sydney Bridge Club) by 21.

Majority for Sydney Bridge Club, 676.



The Card Room.

Inter-club Competition

TATTERSALL'S CLUB v. C.T.A. CLUB.

19th November, 1930.

Bridge.

Marks and Johnston (T.C.) beat Guiterman and Posener (C.T.A.) by 448; Braid and Benjamin (C.T.A.) beat Cohen and Price (T.C.) by 1,330; Smith and Benjamin (C.T.A.) beat Boyle and Dalley (T.C.) by 354; Jacobs and Bellmaine (C.T.A.) beat Gillespie and Hannan (T.C.) by 430.

Dominoes.

Gapper and Coote (T.C.) beat Field and Waugh (C.T.A.) by 104; Gale and Crooke (C.T.A.) beat Underwood and Clarke (T.C.) by 36.

Billiards.

Young (T.C.) beat Spencer (C.T.A.) by 33; Hatton (C.T.A.) beat Buchanan (T.C.) by 116.

Snooker.

Robertson (T.C.) beat Martin (C.T.A.) by 42; Hands (C.T.A.) beat Manning (T.C.) by 17.



Bruce Lowe

Figure System :: Guide not a Law

Probably nothing in connection with racing and breeding has aroused so much controversy as what is known as the Bruce Lowe system. In reality the word "system" was not chosen wisely, for the number or figure guide was meant as an index or guide and nothing more.

It is not uncommon to hear a remark in racing circles that so-and-so is a good performer and it is not surprising because he—or she—is a member of No. 1 family. It is proposed here to explain just what the No. 1 or figure system means.

There are two great laws of nature. The first decrees that it is necessary to inbreed to specialise; the second that excessive in-breeding will, sooner or later, cause deterioration in stock. For successful breeding of race-horses it is necessary to obtain the maximum amount of in-breeding to the best running blood, without overstepping the limit which nature has imposed.

It has also to be added that pedigrees worked out on paper, without thought being given to physical and other important considerations, can lead only to failure and disappointment, as Bruce Lowe himself pointed out.

Slavish adherence to the Bruce Lowe system in the selection of mares for stallions was not intended by the gentleman whose name is now a household word.

Rather it is a figure guide to show simply that certain families occupy certain positions in numerical order by virtue of results and so indicate to breeders the most successful families in tabulated form. The results are based on the three English classics, Derby, Oaks and St. Leger. Mendelism may in time give a good and sufficient reason for such theories.

In later years much further research has been done in the way of measuring up French and other results out of England by the standard of Bruce Lowe's figures, and the accuracy of the figure guide has been demonstrated with increasing certainty.

A Big Task.

Realising that past results could be his only guide the late Mr. Bruce Lowe set himself the task of discovering the winning strains, a task which occupied many years of his life. As the basis for his researches he selected the classic three-year-old races.

It has to be conceded that a brood mare either has to have bred winners or won races, or in other words the search was for the winning female lines.

He traced back the winners of the classic events named in female line to the original mares in Volume 1 of the General Stud Book. He then proceeded to classify these mares as to results. The one whose descendants had accounted for largest number of classic races became with them his No. 1 family. This mare was Tregonwell's Natural Barb mare. Similarly the mare with the second best results in female line became what is known as the No. 2 family, traced back to Burton's Barb mare.

He found that 5 families, which he numbered 1 to 5, stood out. He did not claim to have made a discovery but simply that he had separated the good or successful strains from the bad or unsuccessful. In all he classified 50 families.

So a No. 1 mare does not owe her excellence to tracing back in female line to Tregonwell's Barb mare, but because she comes from a long line of great fillies. It does not follow that a horse of No. 1 family will be a great horse, but all things being equal, he or she, has a greater chance of proving a success than one belonging to a family, whose winners over a century are very rare.

Having established that families No's. 1 to 5 were those with the best running strains, Bruce Lowe set himself the task of discovering the blood which gave the greatest sires. There have been many samples of the brilliant performer on the turf proving a comparative failure at the stud.

Working along the same lines it was discovered that every great stallion since and including Eclipse came from families No's. 3, 8, 11, 12, or 14, or his sire or dam's sire came from those families. It will be noted that of these, No. 3 is the only family of the investigations which had the dual characteristic of running and sire strains.

The value and the convenience of the figures cannot be gainsaid, for they give a ready check on families in the case of in-breeding without having to wade back through countless generations.

Certain families have decided characteristics, some produce better colts than fillies and vice versa.

Occasionally, of course, great horses appear from the despised outside families, but this is quite in accordance with the researches, for Bruce Lowe never claimed that good horses would not come from the outside families, but the average success was greater in certain families. He showed that results proved that it did not pay to breed from strains notoriously bad, although there were undoubtedly on few occasions, good results.

The figure system is not infallible, for a family may owe its lowly position in numbers to misfortune, for after all the combined winners of the (3) classic events numbered only a few hundreds, but as pointed out earlier, continental and outside results support the original figure system to a very decided degree.

In later years the late Mr. William Allison applied the Bruce Lowe figures to the results of the leading races in England, and discovered that the most successful running families, No's. 1 to 5, were also paramount in the events selected outside the three classics.

There have been fluctuations in the successes of the families, but in general the early results obtained by Bruce Lowe's researches remain well stabilised.



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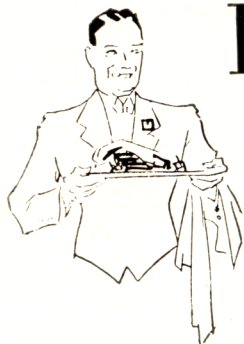
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